

III. EXISTING CONDITIONS - PARK, OPEN SPACE & TRAIL FACILITIES

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has general level of service standards for acres of park and miles of trail per 1,000 population. The previous chapter presented demographic projections up to 2010, and these population figures are used in this chapter to identify where BCPR stands in terms of addressing these national standards. Table III-1 is a summary table showing the status of BCPR relative to NRPA standards.

These level of service standards are intended to be guidelines for communities to achieve in providing recreational facilities. They are not absolute numbers and recognize that unique circumstances in and the contexts of communities will affect a local government's ability to meet an exact targeted acreage or mileage. Circumstances in Bernalillo County that must be considered when looking at level of service standards include:

- ◆ Historical low-density development patterns and larger than average household sizes in portions of the South Valley
- ◆ Relative lack of typical suburban development County-wide
- ◆ Presence of recreational facilities and land throughout Bernalillo County provided by the City of Albuquerque, National Park Service, and the U.S. Forest Service

Chapter III presents existing conditions of P.O.S.T. facilities that are summarized by park classification and service area profiles. Parks are presented first, followed by Open Space and trails.

Table III-1 Park & Recreation Standards

	National Standard*	City of Albuquerque Standard	Bernalillo County Standard	Bernalillo County Existing Level of Service
Parks by Category				
Neighborhood Park	1-2 acres / 1,000 people	1.5 acres / 1,000 people	1 acre / 1,000 people	2.3 acres / 1,000 people
Community Park	2.5 acres / 1,000 people	2.5 acres / 1,000 people	2.5 acres / 1,000 people	2.8 acres / 1,000 people
Regional Park	5 acres / 1,000 people	5 acres / 1,000 people	5 acres / 1,000 people	.44 acres / 1,000 people
Open Space			23.43 acre / 1,000 people	12.6 acres / 1,000 people
Facilities				
Basketball Court-Full	1 / 5,000 people	1/ 10,000 people	1 / 6,000 people	1 / 10,131 people
Basketball Court-Half	N/A	N/A	1 / 3,000 people	1 / 337,669 people
Tennis Court	1 / 2,000 people	1 / 2,500 people	1 / 3,000 people	1/ 3,618 people
Volleyball Court	1 / 5,000 people	1 / 20,000 people	1 / 20,000 people	1 / 337,669 people
Raquetball Court	1 / 20,000 people	No Standard	No Standard	0
Ball Fields	1 / 5,000 people	1 / 11,000 people	1 / 7,000 people	1 / 8,442 people
Youth Baseball Fields	1/ 5,000 people	1 / 9,000 people	1 / 5,000 people	1 / 3,752 people
Soccer Fields	1 / 10,000 people	1 / 5,000 people	1 / 5,000 people	1 / 3,752 people
Community Center	1 / 5,000 people	1 / 30,000 people	1 / 12,000 people	1 / 14,472 people
Playground	1 / 3,000 people	1 / 3,000 people	1 / 3,000 people	1 / 5,065 people
Pool	1 / 20,000 people	1 / 25,000 people	1 / 20,000 people	1 / 16,884 people
Trails	1 system / region	No Standard	1 mile / 1,000 people	1 mile / 7,236 people
* The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), which created these standards, recognizes and accepts that regional standards differ from national standards due to the unique climate and demographics of an area				

A. Parks

1. Park Classifications

The classifications for parks developed by the NRPA and the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration are intended to be used as guidelines at the local level. The classifications provide general descriptions, location criteria, and size criteria for Parks, Open Space and Trail facilities; a table of the classifications is provided in Appendix B.

The following classifications are specific to Bernalillo County park and community center facilities. The number in parenthesis is the total number of BCPR managed facilities, including undeveloped park land, in that category.

Neighborhood Parks (14)

Small park, generally less than three acres used primarily by those within a half-mile radius. Neighborhood parks may contain a combination of picnic areas, playgrounds, and half basketball courts and turf areas as appropriate.

Community Parks (32)

Most of the facilities within the Bernalillo County Parks and Recreation system function as Community Parks. These parks can range in size from 3 to 52 acres and have a wide variety of facilities including baseball, little league, and soccer fields, basketball and tennis courts, picnic areas, playgrounds, and swimming pools. Fields in community parks receive intensive use by youth and adult sports leagues coming from all areas of the County.

Seven of the community parks in the system are part of community complexes. In addition to the facilities already mentioned, Community Complexes have community centers that offer recreational and educational



Little Cloud Park



Playground at Raymond G. Sanchez Community Complex

programs. These complexes are unique to each community and serve the public with different programs and emphases, according to community demand.

Regional Parks (3)

Bernalillo County has three facilities that function as regional parks, **Rio Bravo Park**, **Tom Tenorio Park**, and **Mesa del Sol Regional Recreation Complex**. Regional parks are over twenty acres and are available for use by all County residents. Their scale and drawing area extend beyond the immediate community or major sub-area of the County. Each offers playing fields and serve as the main practice and competition location for youth and adult leagues.



*South Valley Little League
at Rio Bravo Park*

The Rio Bravo Park has a picnic and play area and over five acres of unprogrammed turf. It is also the home of the South Valley Little League. The South Valley Library, South Valley Swimming Pool, Rio Bravo Senior Meal Site, and Harrison Middle School are adjacent to one another and form a block of recreational and educational facilities. Access to the Rio Grande bosque also exists at this location. Rio Bravo Park is divided up into several tracts, some of which are owned by Bernalillo County and some of which are owned by APS. The lease for County facilities on APS land expires in 2003 and will have to be extended.

Tom Tenorio Park has approximately 51 developed acres located on the southwest mesa. It has four sand volleyball courts, three adult baseball fields, a playground, a picnic area and a mini race car track. It is the primary location for league play and tournaments.

The Mesa del Sol Regional Recreation Complex (RRC) is mostly undeveloped. It is comprised of 634 acres leased from the New Mexico State Land Office and

has been master planned to include over 40 playing fields, trails, destination playground, fieldhouse, aquatic center, an amphitheater, and golf driving range. It is intended to be the primary recreational facility of the 12,000+ acre Mesa del Sol Planned Community that is still at least five years from development being initiated. Build out of the RRC will take at least 15-20 years, contingent on a consistent stream of funding to design and develop facilities.

Currently, BCPR has phase 1 approval from the City for 12 playing fields. Three fields have been built. Development also consists of a 3,600-space parking lot. BCPR has a field use agreement with Albuquerque Youth Soccer Organization for spring and fall soccer leagues, and the large parking lot primarily serves the Journal Pavilion Amphitheater.

Journal Pavilion is operated and managed by Clear Channel Communications, who sub-leases 48 acres from Bernalillo County within the Regional Recreation Complex. Journal Pavilion hosts live concerts and other events and seats 12,000 people. The facility is built for 15,000 patrons, but Journal Pavilion cannot sell the additional 3,000 tickets until the transportation network is expanded. Expansion is focused on the University Boulevard extension, which would connect the northeastern corner of the RRC to the intersection of Rio Bravo, University Boulevard, and Interstate 25. This four-lane facility is being designed and efforts continue to secure the approximately \$15 million to construct the facility. Construction of this road not only will help the RRC, but will enable the State Land Office to begin housing and economic development at the remainder of Mesa del Sol.

Special Activity Areas

Special activity areas are designed for one predominant use. The County park system has twelve such areas at twelve different facilities, some of which are co-located at a Community or Regional Park:

- ♦ **BMX racecourse** at Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center;



*Vista Sandia
Equestrian Park
Main Arena*

- ♦ **Skate park** at Los Vecinos Community Center;
- ♦ **Skate park** at Paradise Hills Community Center;
- ♦ **Fitness centers** at Los Padillas Community Center, Westside Community Center, Atrium, and Rio Grande High School County Pool;
- ♦ **Performing arts center** at Vista Grande Community Center;
- ♦ **Hang gliding landing facility** at Big Sky Park;
- ♦ **Cowboy Polo** at Dennison Park;
- ♦ **Mini race car track** at Tom Tenorio park;
- ♦ **Horse arenas** at Vista Sandia Equestrian Park; and
- ♦ **Journal Pavilion Amphitheater** at Mesa del Sol Regional Recreation Complex;
- ♦ **Archery course** at El Refugio Archery Range.

Use of Special Activity Areas depends on the distribution of people interested in the particular activity. Some Special Activity Areas also function as neighborhood or community parks because of other non-specialized activities.

BCPR level of service affects and is affected by park facilities managed by the City of Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Corrales, National Forest Service and the National Park Service.

2. Level of Service and Maintenance

Discussions of level of service are not complete if just the capital side of the equation is emphasized. True level of service is an ongoing requirement and commitment that is achieved through adequate personnel, equipment, and budgets. Unfortunately, the gap has widened between acreage of responsibility and the number of workers required to properly maintain fields, playgrounds, courts, etc. No budget increases have occurred since 1999 for more personnel and equipment, and the prospects of future

increases seem unlikely due to Bernalillo County's flat budget.

The NRPA standard is 4 acres of maintenance per worker. The BCPR status is 12 acres per worker. Bernalillo County has three maintenance crews with 35 full-time workers and 6 seasonal workers that cover the four service areas. An Area Supervisor leads each crew and is supported by a craftsman. Maintenance tasks include mowing turf, controlling weeds, maintaining irrigation systems, repairing items as needed, and removing trash. The maintenance crews also design and construct small park redevelopment and improvement projects.

Bernalillo County maintains 49 park facilities; Table III-2 provides a summary of Bernalillo County Park and Recreation facilities. A detailed facility inventory is in Appendix C.

Table III-2 Bernalillo County Parks & Recreation Facility Inventory

Existing Facilities in 2003	Number of Facilities	Total Acreage	Trail (Miles) at Parks	Outdoor Basketball Court-Full	Outdoor Basketball Court-Half	Tennis Court	Volleyball Court	Adult Ball Field	Youth Ball Field	Soccer / Multipurpose Field	Gym	Community Center	Playground	Pool	Picnic Area	Horseshoe Pit	Special Activity
Neighborhood Parks	14	52.4	0.5	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	1	0
Community Parks	32	275.9	6.5	9	3	2	2	4	31	18	6	7	15	4	13	3	12*
Regional Parks	3	706.4	0.0	0	0	4	4	3	0	6	0	0	3	0	2	0	1**
Total	49	1,034.7	7.0	11	4	6	7	7	32	24	6	7	22	4	19	4	0
<p>* BMX race track at Raymond G. Sanchez CC; skate park at Los Vecinos CC; skate park at Paradise Hills CC; fitness center at Los Padillas CC; performing arts center at Vista Grande CC; fitness center at Westside CC; hang glider landing facility at Big Sky Park; Cowboy Polo at Dennison Polo Park; fitness center at Rio Grande H. S. Pool; mini race car track at Tom Tenorio Park; horse arenas at Vista Sandia Equestrian Park; archery range at El Refugio.</p> <p>** Amphitheater at Mesa del Sol Regional Recreation Complex</p>																	

B. Service Area Profiles

This next section contains profiles of the individual park service areas. Each profile contains a summary table of facilities and the existing level of service, accomplishments since the 1995 Master Plan, a list of facilities, and unspent capital funding. Combined with public input that is described in Chapter IV, the profiles provide guidance for the conclusion of this plan in Chapter V, where specific projects are identified for the next 5-7 year period.

Table III-3 provides the acres of parks by classification in each park service area.

Table III-3 Park Acreage by Service Area, 2003

	Neighborhood	Community	Regional	Total	Developed	Undeveloped
East Mountain	24	72	0	96	72	24
Northeast	8.4	66.5	0	74.9	69.2	5.7
Northwest	4.5	59	0	63.5	60	3.5
South	15.5	78.4	706.4	800.3	188.3	615.7
TOTAL	52.4	275.9	706.4*	1034.7	389.5	648.9

**600 undeveloped acres at Mesa del Sol Regional Recreation Complex*

Map III-1 Bernalillo County Park & Recreation Facilities

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Map III-2 East Mountain Service Area

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1. East Mountain

The East Mountain Service Area encompasses just more than 200,000 acres with a population of 17,081 in 2000, making it the least populous per acre of the four service areas. The East Mountain population grew by 39% between 1990 and 2000. The population projection for 2010 is 19,120, a 12% increase from 2000.

An inventory of East Mountain facilities and level of service is described in Table III-4; a list of facilities by name is provided in Table III-5.

Table III-4 Level of Service for East Mountain Service Area

East Mountain Service Area (pop. in 2000: 17,081)	Neighborhood Park (acres)	Community Park (acres)	Regional Park (acres)	Trails within park (miles)	Open Space (acres)	Outdoor Basketball Court-Full	Outdoor Basketball Court-Half	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Court	Adult Ball Fields	Youth Ball Fields	Soccer / Multipurpose Fields	Gym	Community Center	Playground	Pool	Picnic Area	Horseshoe Pit	Special Activity
Existing Level of Service	24	72	0	2	865	1	3	0	1	2	5	3	1	2	4	0	4	1	3
# of Facilities Needed to Meet Bernalillo Co. Standard	0	0	85	15	0	2	3	6	0	0	0	0	n/a	0	2	1	n/a	n/a	n/a

This table shows level of service based on 2000 population and 2003 facility inventory. Eight of fifteen categories meet or exceed the County's level of service.

- a) Accomplishments Since 1995**
- ◆ Vista Grande Community Center & Multi-purpose field
 - ◆ East Mountain Little League Fields & Concession Stand
 - ◆ Sunflower Meadow Park
 - ◆ Los Vecinos Skate Park
 - ◆ Whispering Pines Senior Meal Site
 - ◆ Vista Grande/San Antonito Elementary School Trail

Context of the East Mountains:

- ◆ Differing views by residents on park development
- ◆ Proximity to Cibola National Forest
- ◆ Large lot development patterns
- ◆ Well depth, water availability, water rights
- ◆ Appropriate uses on Open Space properties

b) Available Capital

Available CIP, impact fees, and legislative funds for projects in the East Mountains include:

- ◆ East Mountain Swimming Pool (\$350,000 transferred from the 1998 and 2000 bonds; approximately \$500,000 from the 2002 bond)
- ◆ Los Vecinos Additional Land Acquisition (\$50,000 from the 2003 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ A balance of \$183,000 in uncommitted impact fees as of Summer 2003.

c) Projects Underway

- ◆ East Mountain Trail Plan
- ◆ Vista Grande Exercise Station

Table III-5 East Mountain Park & Community Complex Facilities

Name	Acres	Classification	Special Activity	Water Source	Zoning
A. Montoya Elementary School Game Field	3	Community		Well	A-2
El Refugio Archery Range	20.3	Community	Archery		A-2/SU Permit
Harmony Hills (U)	4.7	Neighborhood		n/a	A-2
James H. Hockett Memorial Park	11.5	Community		Well	A-2/SU Permit
Los Vecinos Community Complex	5.2	Community	Skate park	Village of Tijeras and Well	C-1
Sandia Knolls (U)	18.1	Neighborhood		n/a	A-2
Sunflower Meadow Park	4	Community		Water cooperative	A-2/SU Permit
Vista Grande Community Complex / East Mountain Little League	28	Community	Performing arts center	Entranosa	A-2/SU Permit
Woodland Hills (U)	1.2	Neighborhood		n/a	A-2
Whispering Pines Senior Meal Site (see Hockett Park)		Community		Well	A-2/SU Permit

TOTAL: 96

(U) = undeveloped



Sunflower Meadow Park

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Map III-3 Northeast Service Area

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2. Northeast

The Northeast Service Area encompasses approximately 45,000 acres with a population of 8,421 in 2000, making it the most populous per acre of the four service areas. Although the Northeast has the smallest total population and area, it experienced the largest growth rate between 1990 - 2000 at 75%. The population projection for 2010 is 9,263 an increase of 10% from 2000.

An inventory of Northeast facilities and level of service is described in Table III-6; a list of facilities by name is provided in Table III-7.

Table III-6 Level of Service for Northeast Service Area

Northeast Service Area (pop. in 2000: 8,421)	Neighborhood Park (acres)	Community Park (acres)	Regional Park (acres)	Trails within park (miles)	Open Space (acres)	Outdoor Basketball Court-Full	Outdoor Basketball Court-Half	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Court	Adult Ball Fields	Youth Ball Fields	Soccer / Multipurpose Fields	Gym	Community Center	Playground	Pool	Picnic Area	Horseshoe Pit	Special Activity
Existing Level of Service	8.4	66.5	0.0	3.5	0.0	2	1	0	0	0	7	2	0	0	3	0	4	0	2
# of Facilities Needed to Meet Bernalillo Co. Standard	0.0	0.0	42.0	4.9	197*	0	2	3	1	1	0	0	n/a	1	0	1	n/a	n/a	n/a

*Although the Northeast does not meet County standards for Open Space, residents live adjacent to large tracts of City Open Space and National Forest land along the western face of the Sandia Mountains.

This table shows level of service based on 2000 population and 2003 facility inventory. Six of fifteen categories meet or exceed the County's level of service.

Context of the Northeast:

- ◆ Higher park development costs per capita
- ◆ Lack of affordable / developable land
- ◆ Large lot development patterns
- ◆ Well depth, water availability, water rights
- ◆ Limited trail development opportunities

a) Accomplishments Since 1995

- ◆ Altamont Little League Concession Stand
- ◆ Ben Greiner Soccer Field
- ◆ Big Sky Hang Glider Park
- ◆ Double Eagle Elementary School Game Field & Cafetorium
- ◆ Patricia Cassidy Park
- ◆ Vista Sandia Equestrian Park
- ◆ Neighborhood Park land purchases: Oakland & Browning and Sandia Heights

b) Available Capital

Available CIP, impact fees, and legislative funds for projects in the Northeast include:

- ◆ Sandia Heights (\$65,000 remaining from land purchase funded by 2000 GO bond; \$50,000 from 2002 legislative appropriation; \$19,000 donated from Sandia Heights Homeowners Association)
- ◆ Oakland & Browning Tennis Court (\$20,000 from 2003 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ Altamont Little League Facility Improvements (\$40,000 from the 2003 and \$140,000 from 2002 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ Playground at Ben Greiner Soccer Field (\$30,000 from 2002 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ Trail connection between Ben Greiner & Big Sky Hang Glider Park (\$20,000 from 2003 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ A balance of \$27,000 in uncommitted impact fees as of summer 2003

c) Projects Underway

- ◆ Sandia Heights neighborhood park design and development
- ◆ Playground at Ben Greiner Soccer Field
- ◆ Trail connection between Ben Greiner & Big Sky Hang Glider Park
- ◆ Adding a community center element at Double Eagle E. S. Game Field & Cafetorium

Table III-7 Northeast Park & Community Complex Facilities

Name	Acres	Classification	Special Activity	Water Source	Zoning
Altamont Little League	14	Community		Well	A-1/SU-Permit
Ben Greiner Soccer Field	3	Community		Well	A-1/SU-Permit
Big Sky Hang Glider Park	16	Community	Hang glider landing area	Well	A-1/SU-Permit
Double Eagle E. S. Game Field & Cafetorium	2	Community		Sandia	A-1
Little Cloud Park	0.7	Neighborhood		Sandia	A-1/SU-Permit
Oakland & Browning (U)	2	Neighborhood		n/a	A-1
Patricia Cassidy Park	2	Neighborhood		Sandia	A-1
Sandia Heights (U)	3.7	Neighborhood		Sandia*	R-2/SU-Permit
Vista Sandia Equestrian Park	31.5	Community	Equestrian facility	Well	A-1/SU-Permit
TOTAL:		74.9			

*potentially available



Patricia Cassidy Park

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Map III-4 Northwest Service Area

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3. Northwest

The Northwest Service Area encompasses approximately 230,000 acres with a population of 19,329 in 2000, ranking it the third most populous area per acre of the four service areas. Its large size is because the boundaries officially extend west to the Ta'jahlillee Reservation boundary. The growth rate in the Northwest was -3% between 1990 and 2000. This is attributed the annexation of developed property into the municipal limits and a decline in household size, thereby decreasing the population count in the unincorporated area. Growth is projected to increase to 21,126 for an increase of 9% between 2000 and 2010, which is subject to change based on future annexations.

An inventory of Northwest facilities and level of service is described in Table III-8; a list of facilities by name is provided in Table III-9.

Table III-8 Level of Service for Northwest Service Area

Northwest Service Area (pop. in 2000: 19,329)	Neighborhood Park (acres)	Community Park (acres)	Regional Park (acres)	Trails within park (miles)	Open Space (acres)	Outdoor Basketball Court-Full	Outdoor Basketball Court-Half	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Court	Adult Ball Fields	Youth Ball Fields	Soccer / Multipurpose Fields	Gym	Community Center	Playground	Pool	Picnic Area	Horseshoe Pit	Special Activity
Existing Level of Service	4.5	59.0	0.0	0.5	19.7	2	0	0	1	1	8	8	2	2	5	2	3	0	2
# of Facilities Needed to Meet Bernalillo Co. Standard	14.8	0.0	96.6	18.8	433*	1	6	6	0	2	0	0	n/a	0	1	0	n/a	n/a	n/a

*Although the Northwest service area does not meet County standards for Open Space, the area is served by large tracts of City Open Space and the Petroglyph National Monument.

This table shows level of service based on 2000 population and 2003 facility inventory. Six of fifteen categories meet or exceed the County's level of service.

Context of the Northwest:

- ◆ Rapid growth in city affecting county park facilities
- ◆ High cost of park development due to basalt formations
- ◆ Large lot development patterns
- ◆ Water use
- ◆ Limited trail development opportunities

a) Accomplishments Since 1995

- ◆ Paradise Hills Little League
- ◆ Paradise Hills Skatepark
- ◆ Additional land acquisition at BMX track at Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center
- ◆ Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center Gymnasium

b) Available Capital

Available CIP, impact fees, and legislative funds for projects in the Northwest include:

- ◆ Alameda Little League improvements (\$225,000 from 2003 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ North Valley Senior Center (\$300,000 from 1998 bond)
- ◆ Paradise Hills Community Center Gym Floor Replacement (\$50,000 from 2003 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ Paradise Hills Little League & Soccer Club Land Acquisition (\$100,000 from 2003 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ Paradise Hills Little League improvements (\$245,500 from 2003 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ Paradise Hills Tennis Court (\$78,000 from 2001 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ Paradise Hills Skate Park ADA improvements (funds remaining from 2000 bond)
- ◆ Senate District 10 Trail Improvements (\$20,000 from 2001 and 2002 legislative appropriations)
- ◆ Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center Dual-Facing Stage (\$10,000 from 2003 legislative appropriation, \$53,500 from 2002 legislative appropriation and \$150,000 from 2000 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ All impact fees are committed to various projects

c) Projects underway

- ◆ Tennis courts at Paradise Hills Community Complex
- ◆ ADA improvements at Paradise Hills Skate Park

- ◆ Dual-facing performance platform at Raymond G. Sanchez Community Center
- ◆ Trail easement acquisition in far North Valley between Riverside Drain and Albuquerque Main Canal
- ◆ Coordination with City of Albuquerque and Alameda Little League for City maintenance of a new facility at City-owned land

Table III-9 Northwest Park & Community Complex Facilities

Name	Acres	Classification	Special Activity	Water Source	Zoning
Raymond G. Sanchez Community Complex	12.6	Community	BMX race track	City	R-1/SU-Permit
Alameda Soccer Fields	8.6	Community		City	C-1/R-1/SU-Permit
Atrium Fitness Center	N/A	N/A	Fitness center	City	C-1/SU-Permit
Columbus Park	1	Neighborhood		NMUI	*
Fairfax (U)	2.5	Neighborhood			*
Globus Park	1	Neighborhood		NMUI	*
La Ladera Park	4.8	Community		City	M-H
Nativity Ball Fields	3.5	Community		Well	R-1
Paradise Hills Community Complex / Paradise Hills Little League	29.5	Community	Skate park	NMUI	*
TOTAL: 63.5					

* Paradise Hills Special Zoning District



La Ladera Park

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Map III-5 South Service Area

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4. South

The South Service Area encompasses approximately 270,000 acres with a population of 49,554 in 2000, ranking it the second most populous area per acre of the four service areas. The boundaries extend west to the Cibola and Valencia County lines near the Rio Puerco. The growth rate in the South was 17% between 1990 and 2000. Growth is projected to 51,791 for an increase of 5% between 2000 and 2010.

An inventory of South facilities and level of service is described in Table III-10; a list of facilities by name is provided in Table III-11.

Table III-10 Level of Service for South Service Area

South Service Area (pop. in 2000: 49,554)	Neighborhood Park (acres)	Community Park (acres)	Regional Park (acres)	Trails within park (miles)	Open Space (acres)	Outdoor Basketball Court-Full	Outdoor Basketball Court-Half	Tennis Courts	Volleyball Court	Adult Ball Fields	Youth Ball Fields	Soccer / Multipurpose Fields	Gym	Community Center	Playground	Pool	Picnic Area	Horseshoe Pit	Special Activity
Existing Level of Service	15.5	78.4	706.4	1.5	50.5	6	0	6	5	4	12	11	3	3	10	2	8	3	5
# of Facilities Needed to Meet Bernalillo Co. Standard	34.0	0.0	0.0	48.0	1,110.5	2	16	10	0	3	0	0	n/a	1	6	0	n/a	n/a	n/a

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a) Accomplishments Since 1995

- ◆ Approval of Mesa del Sol Regional Recreation Complex Master Plan
- ◆ Phase 1 construction at Regional Recreation Complex, including Journal Pavilion
- ◆ South Valley Little League Concession Stand
- ◆ Rio Bravo Senior Meal Site
- ◆ Mountain View Community Center Gymnasium
- ◆ Sand volleyball at Tom Tenorio
- ◆ Acquisition of Larrazolo property

b) Available Capital

Available CIP, impact fees, and legislative funds for projects in the South include:

Context of the South:

- ◆ Largest population of service areas
- ◆ Future annexations in southwest mesa
- ◆ County-owned undeveloped land
- ◆ Water availability, water rights
- ◆ Agricultural preservation & Open Space properties
- ◆ Safety & security of facilities

- ◆ Los Padillas Swimming Pool (\$300,000 from 2003 legislative appropriation, \$1,137,500 from 1998, 1999, and 2000 legislative appropriations, \$200,000 from 1994 bond, and \$68,635 from EHGRG grant in 2001)
- ◆ Hubbell House (\$275,000 from 1999, \$150,000 from 2002, and \$135,000 from 2003 legislative appropriations)
- ◆ Rio Grande High School Pool (\$400,000 from 2002 bond)
- ◆ Atrisco Little League, Park & Open Space (Sunset Rd.) (\$250,000 from 2000 and 2002 bonds, \$40,000 from 2002 and \$60,000 from 2003 legislative appropriations)
- ◆ Ambassador Edward L. Romero Park (\$100,000 from 2003 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ South Valley Little League Concession Stand Sewer Connection (\$70,000 from 2003 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ Proposed Larrazolo Multi-Services Family Center (\$461,400 from 2003 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ Los Padillas Community Center improvements (\$20,000 from 2003 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ Tom Tenorio Field Development (\$15,000 from 2002 legislative appropriation)
- ◆ All impact fees are committed to various projects.

c) Projects underway

- ◆ Los Padillas Swimming Pool
- ◆ Program plan & conceptual design for proposed Larrazolo Multi-Services Family Center
- ◆ Atrisco Little League, Park & Open Space Master Plan.
- ◆ Planning and design of Ambassador Edward L. Romero Park



Los Padillas Fitness Room

Table III-11 South Park & Community Complex Facilities

Name	Acres	Classification	Special Activity	Water Source	Zoning
Ambassador Edward L. Romero (U)	4.7	Neighborhood		City*	A-1/SU-Permit
Armijo Elementary Field	2	Community		City	A-1
Atrisco Park & Little League	16	Community		City	R-1/SU-Permit
Atrisco Little League, Park (U) & Open Space (Sunset Rd.)	15	Community		City*	SU-Permit**
Denison Polo Park	9.6	Community	Cowboy polo	well	A-1/SU-Permit
Judge Henry Coors (U)	6.3	Neighborhood		n/a	A-1/SU-Permit
Larrazolo (U)	8	Community		n/a	R-1
Los Padillas Community Complex	8	Community	Fitness center	Well	A-1/SU-Permit
Los Padillas E. S. Game Field	2	Community		Well	A-1
Mesa del Sol Regional Rec. Complex (13 acres developed)	586	Regional		Well	SU-2
Mesa del Sol Journal Pavilion	48	Regional	Amphi-theater	Well	SU-2
Mountain View Community Complex	5	Community		Well & City	M-2/SU-Permit
Nick Vitale Park	2	Neighborhood		City	R-1
Old Armijo Soccer Field	1	Community		City	R-1
Pajarito Senior Meal Site	1	Community		Well	A-1
Raymac Park	2.5	Neighborhood		Well	R-1
Rio Bravo Senior Meal Site (see Rio Bravo Park)		Community			A-1/SU-Permit
Rio Bravo Park	20.7	Regional		City	A-1
Rio Grande H. S. Pool & Fitness Center	2.4	Community	Fitness Center	City	A-1
South Valley Little League (see Rio Bravo Park)		Community			A-1
South Valley Pool (see Rio Bravo Park)		Community			A-1/SU-Permit
Tom Tenorio Park	51.7	Regional	Mini race car track	City	A-1
Westside Community Complex	8.4	Community	Fitness Center	City	R-1/SU-Permit

TOTAL: 800.3

*potentially available

**approval pending

(U) = undeveloped

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